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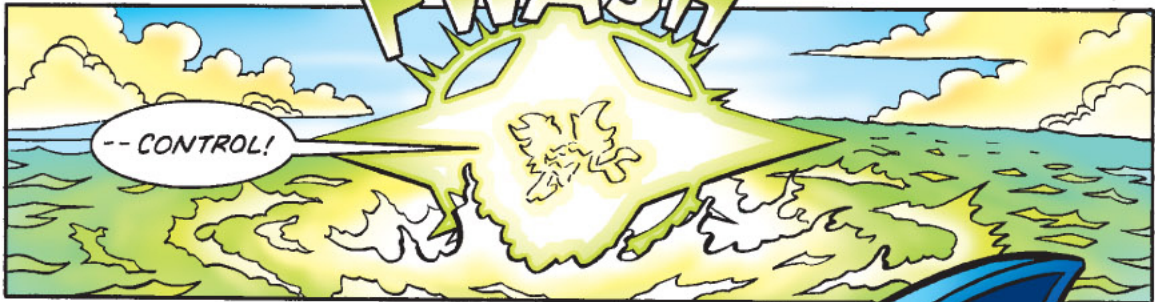


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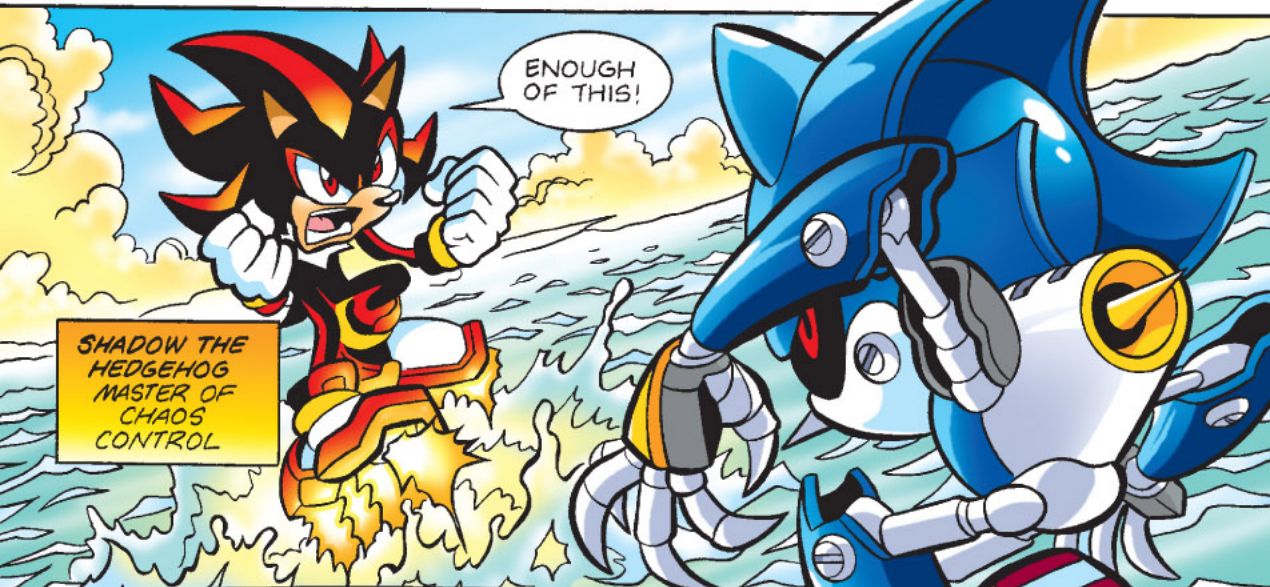
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-- CONTROL!



ENOUGH OF THIS!

SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG
MASTER OF CHAOS
CONTROL

METAL SONIC
EVIL ROBOT
DOUBLE

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SONIC UNIVERSE

Living
WEAPONS

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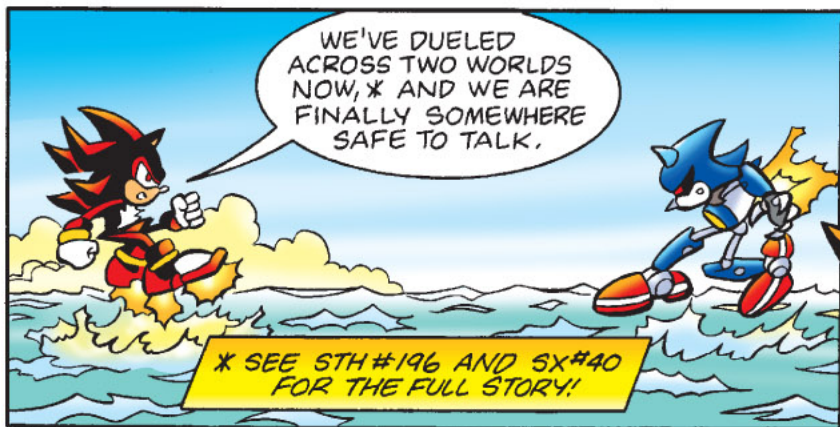
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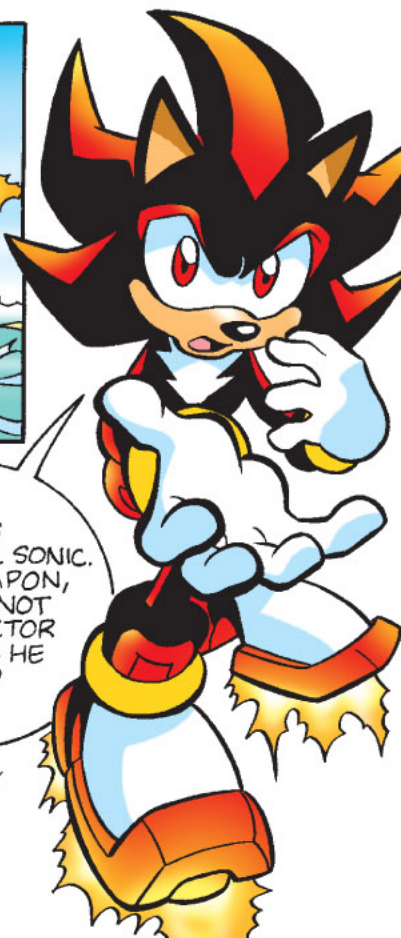
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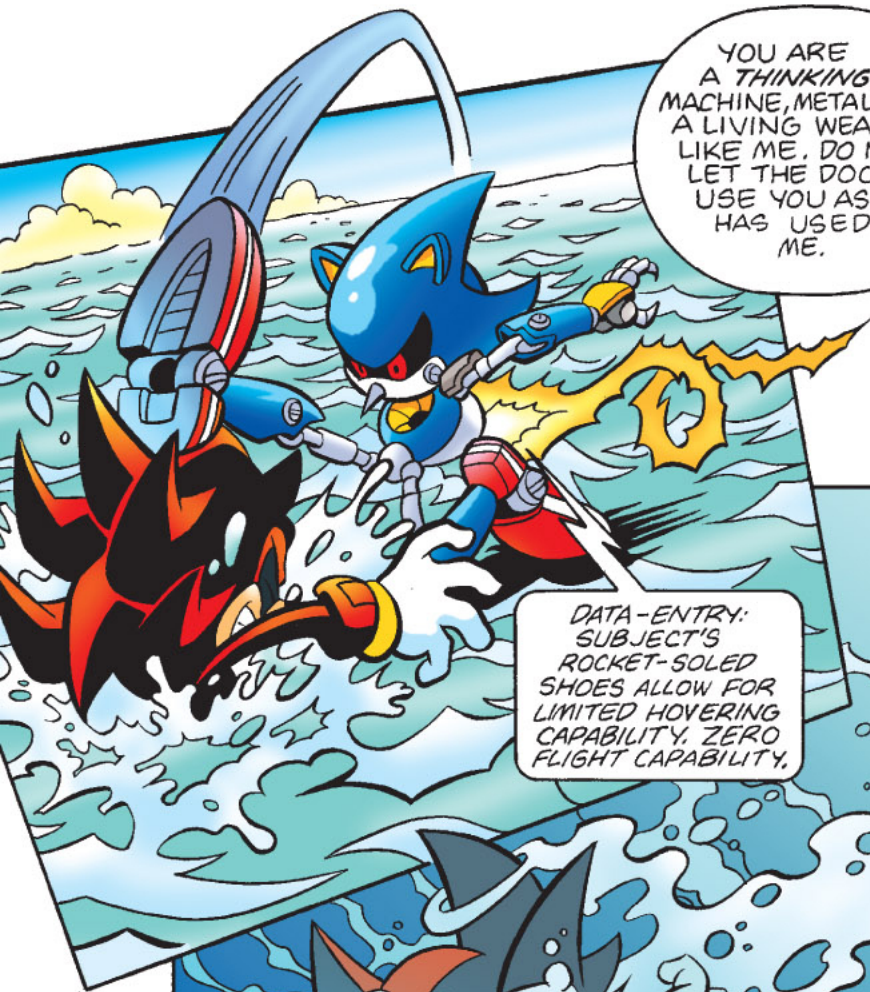


WE'VE DUELED
ACROSS TWO WORLDS
NOW, * AND WE ARE
FINALLY SOMEWHERE
SAFE TO TALK.

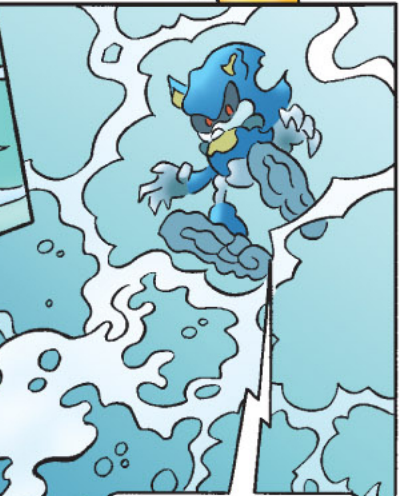
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FOR THE FULL STORY!



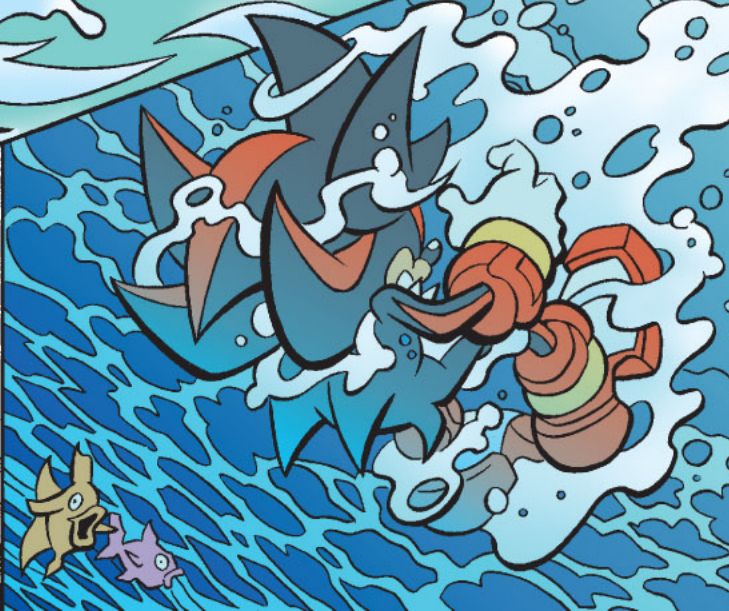
YOU ARE
A THINKING
MACHINE, METAL SONIC.
A LIVING WEAPON,
LIKE ME. DO NOT
LET THE DOCTOR
USE YOU AS HE
HAS USED
ME.



DATA-ENTRY:
SUBJECT'S
ROCKET-SOLED
SHOES ALLOW FOR
LIMITED HOVERING
CAPABILITY. ZERO
FLIGHT CAPABILITY.



>> SEARCHING...
>> SUBJECT'S
ABILITY TO
SWIM UNKNOWN.
>> CONSIDERED
LOW TO
NONEXISTENT.
>> INITIATE SEARCH
FOR LOCAL FORM
OF DR. ROBOTNIK.





BLAST IT!
I WONDER
HOW FAR IT IS
TO SHORE...?



AHOY
THERE!

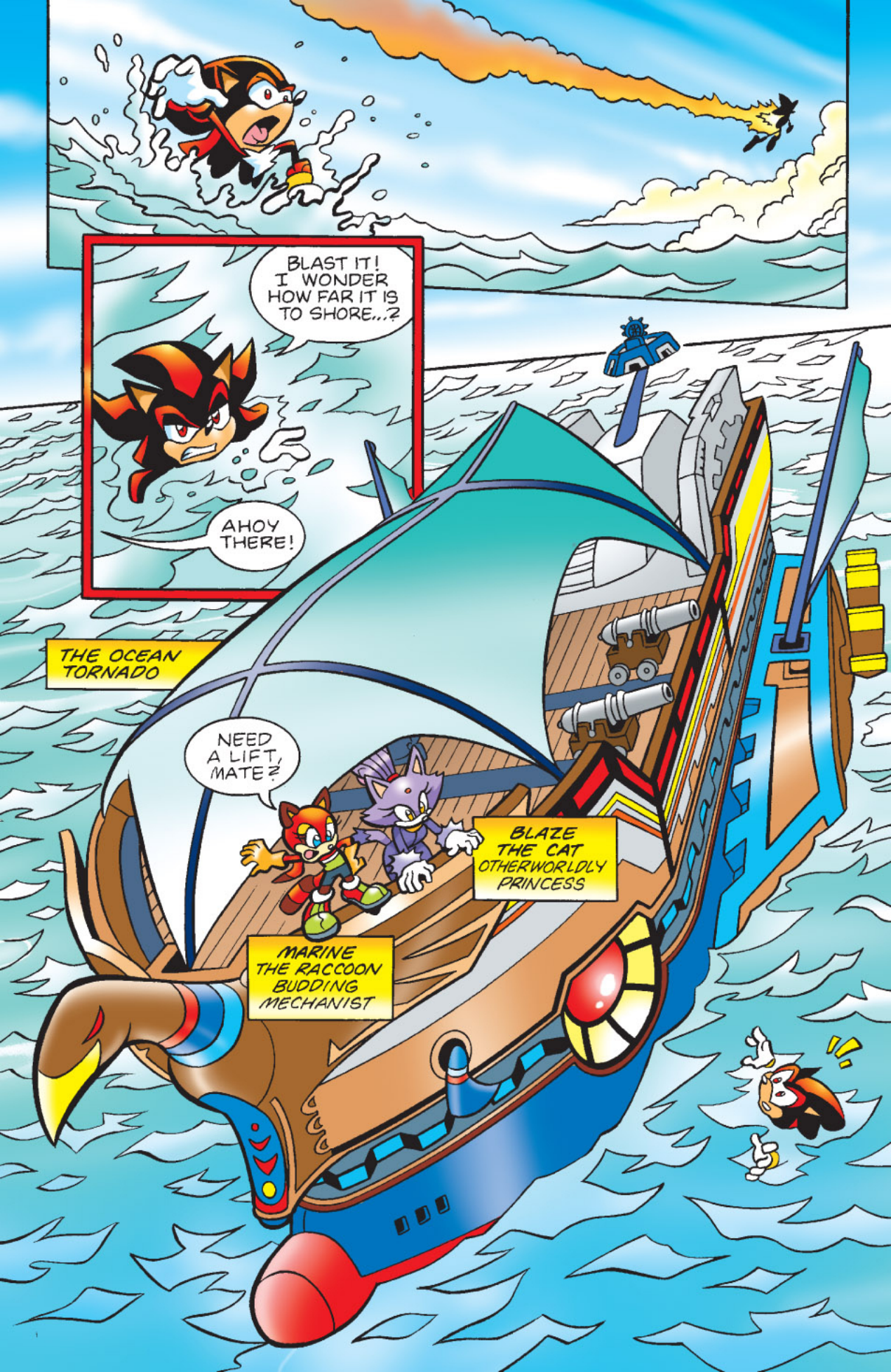
THE OCEAN
TORNADO

NEED
A LIFT,
MATE?



BLAZE
THE CAT
OTHERWORLDLY
PRINCESS

MARINE
THE RACCOON
BUDDING
MECHANIST



A MINUTE LATER...

CRUIKEY, HE'S A SINISTER LOOKIN' ONE, AIN'T HE, BLAZE?



NOT TO MENTION FAMILIAR.

ARE YOU RELATED TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG?



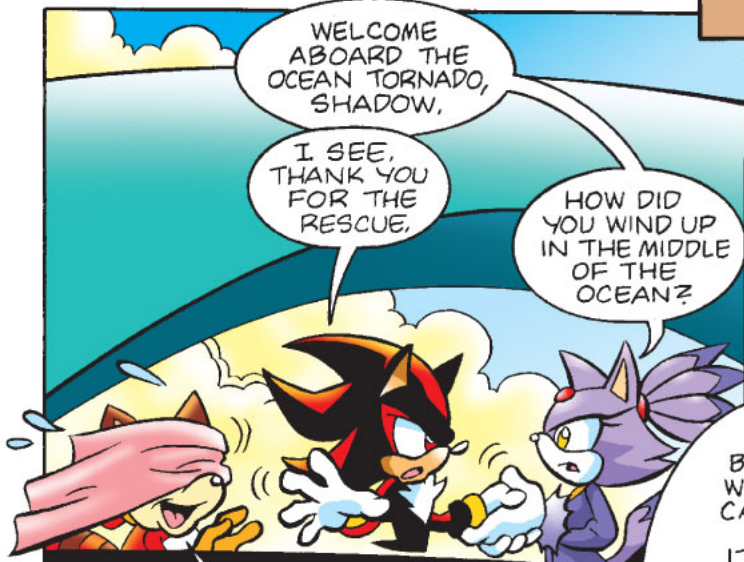
NO, BUT OUR PATHS HAVE CROSSED. I AM SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG.

OY! YOU HEAR THAT?! "SHADOW"! BET YOU'RE FULL OF MYSTERY, AND DANGER, eh?

WELCOME ABOARD THE OCEAN TORNADO, SHADOW.

I SEE, THANK YOU FOR THE RESCUE.

HOW DID YOU WIND UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN?

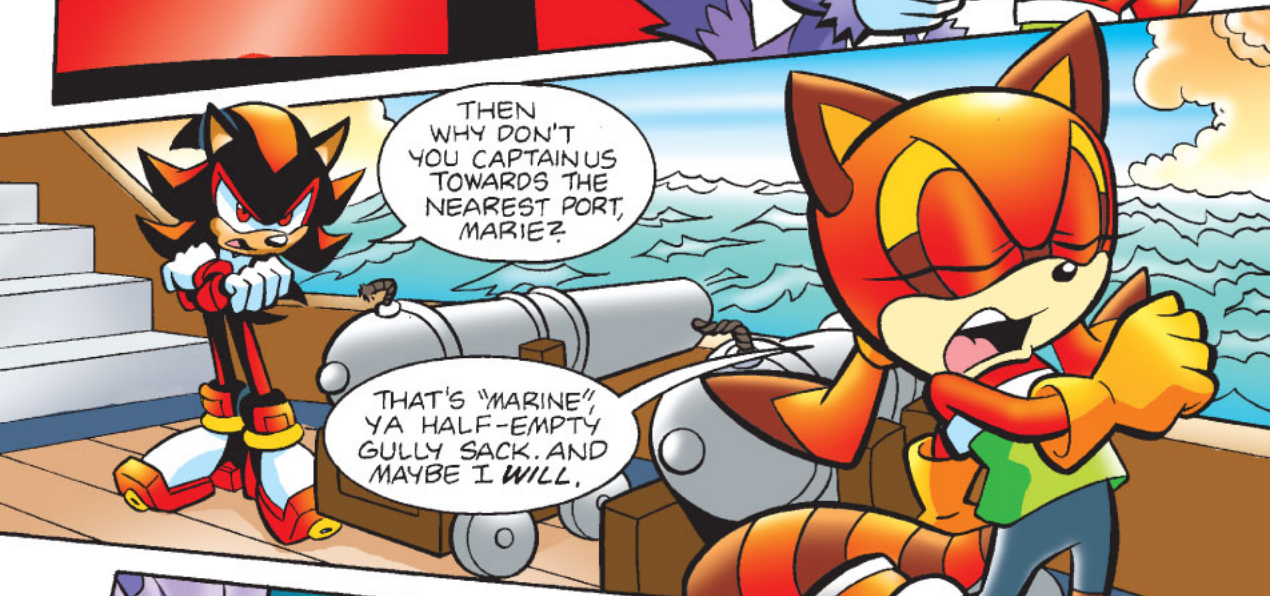
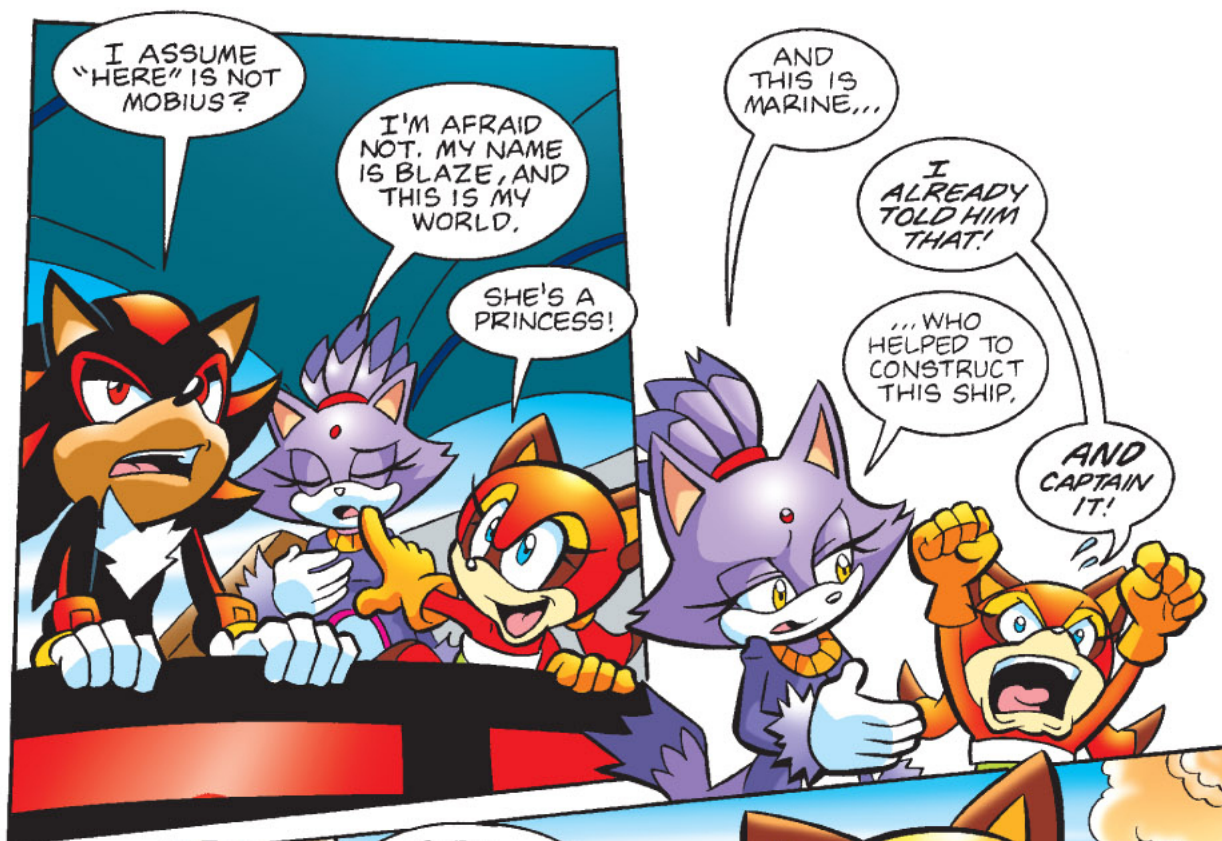


G'DAY! I'M MARINE! IT'S MY BOAT! AIN'T SHE A BEAUT? I'LL TAKE THAT TOWEL FOR YA!

I HAVE BEEN DUELING WITH A ROBOT CALLED METAL SONIC. IT HAS SOME KIND OF ENGINE THAT CAN MOVE IT BETWEEN ZONES. USING MY OWN CHAOS CONTROL ABILITIES, I HAVE FOLLOWED IT HERE.




STRENGTH!?






IT'S A
BIT OF A
TALE.

I AM
DESTINED TO
PROTECT THE
SEVEN SOL
EMERALDS.
NOT LONG
AGO, THEY
DISAPPEARED.

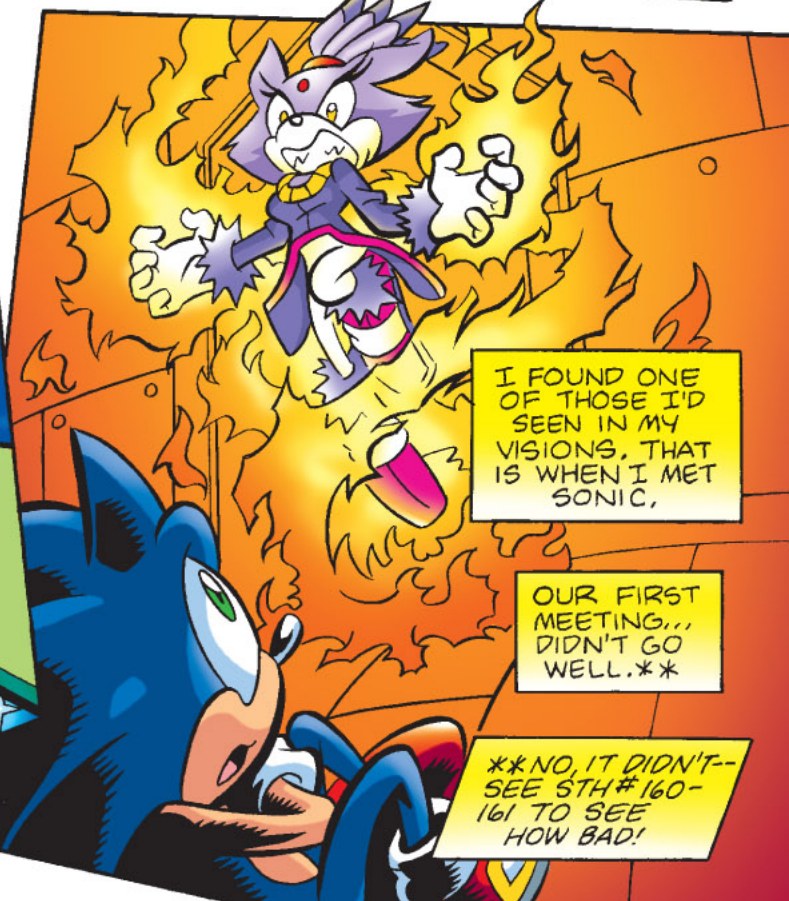


MY CONNECTION WITH THE
GEMS PRESENTED ME
WITH VISIONS. I SAW
THOSE I WOULD NEED
TO SEEK OUT.



FOLLOWING THEIR
ENERGIES, I FOUND
MY WAY TO A
MYSTERIOUS
CROSS-ROADS
THAT LED ME TO YOUR
MOBIUS.*


*SONIC'S THERE
RIGHT NOW IN
STH #197!




I FOUND ONE
OF THOSE I'D
SEEN IN MY
VISIONS. THAT
IS WHEN I MET
SONIC,

OUR FIRST
MEETING...
DIDN'T GO
WELL.**

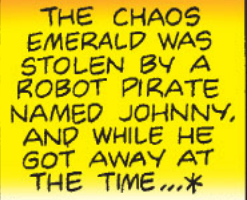
**NO, IT DIDN'T--
SEE STH#160-
161 TO SEE
HOW BAD!



NOT LONG AFTER, A FREAK STORM BROUGHT SONIC AND HIS FRIEND, TAILS, TO MY WORLD. I BELIEVE MY SOL EMERALDS AND THEIR POWER WERE INVOLVED WITH THEIR ARRIVAL.



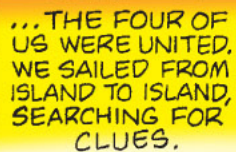
THEY WERE FOUND BY MARINE, WHO HAD ALSO FOUND ONE OF YOUR CHAOS EMERALDS.



THE CHAOS EMERALD WAS STOLEN BY A ROBOT PIRATE NAMED JOHNNY, AND WHILE HE GOT AWAY AT THE TIME...*



* REMEMBER? FROM 5TH #180!

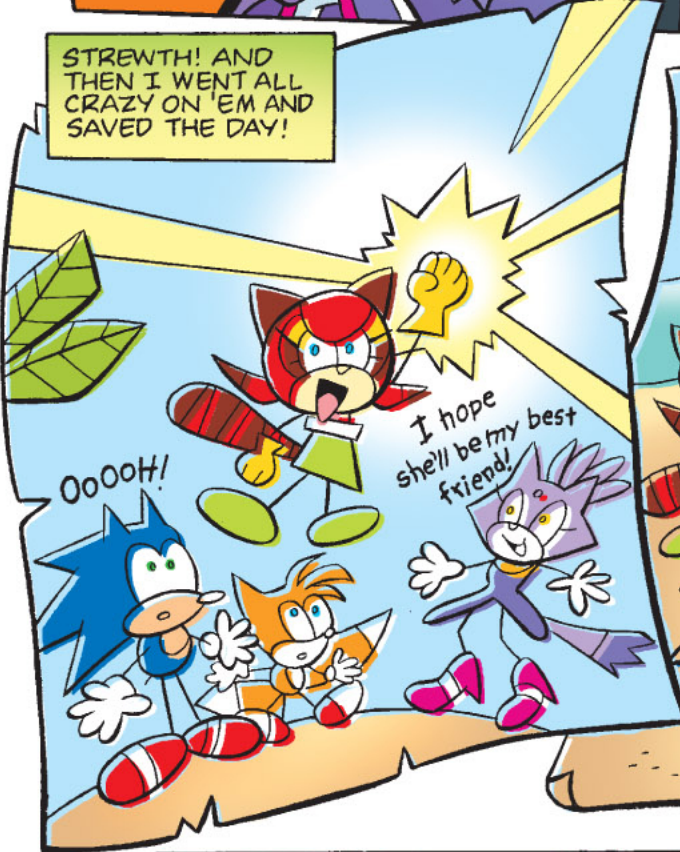


... THE FOUR OF US WERE UNITED. WE SAILED FROM ISLAND TO ISLAND, SEARCHING FOR CLUES.

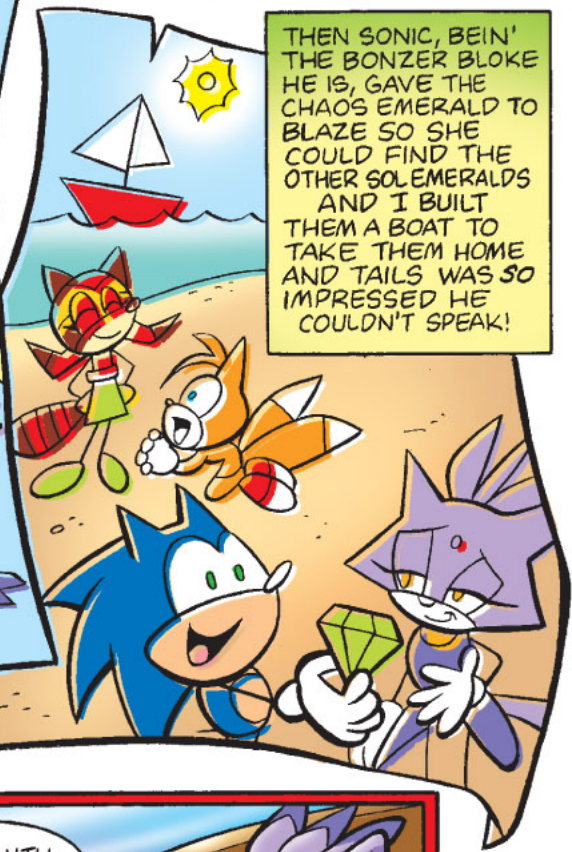


WE TRACKED DOWN THE PIRATE LEADER, CAPTAIN WHISKERS, AND THE VILLAIN WHO WAS ORCHESTRATING EVERYTHING. WE CONFRONTED THEM...


STRENGTH! AND THEN I WENT ALL CRAZY ON 'EM AND SAVED THE DAY!



THEN SONIC, BEIN' THE BONZER BLOKE HE IS, GAVE THE CHAOS EMERALD TO BLAZE SO SHE COULD FIND THE OTHER SOLE EMERALDS AND I BUILT THEM A BOAT TO TAKE THEM HOME AND TAILS WAS SO IMPRESSED HE COULDN'T SPEAK!



STRENGTH. PROMISE.



WOULD YOU PLEASE JUST PULL US INTO PORT?

BLIMEY! YOU TRY TO TELL A GOOD STORY AND THEY CRAWL ALL OVER YOU...



PERHAPS MY MISSION CAN BE SALVAGED AFTER ALL.

WHAT MISSION?

I WAS TRYING TO BREACH THE SPECIAL ZONE AND ACQUIRE A CHAOS EMERALD BEFORE I WAS SIDE-TRACKED BY METAL SONIC.


I SEE.

ONCE WE'RE TOPSIDE ON SOUTHERN ISLAND, I CAN...




OY! BLAZE!

WHAT, MARINE?




...DO YOU SMELL SMOKE?



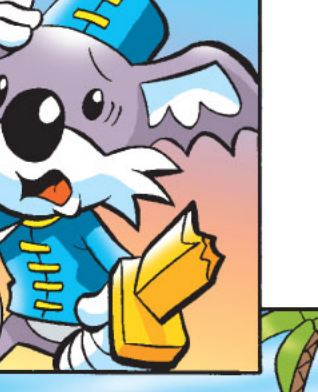
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! THE CAPTAIN MUST HAVE A DEATH WISH.



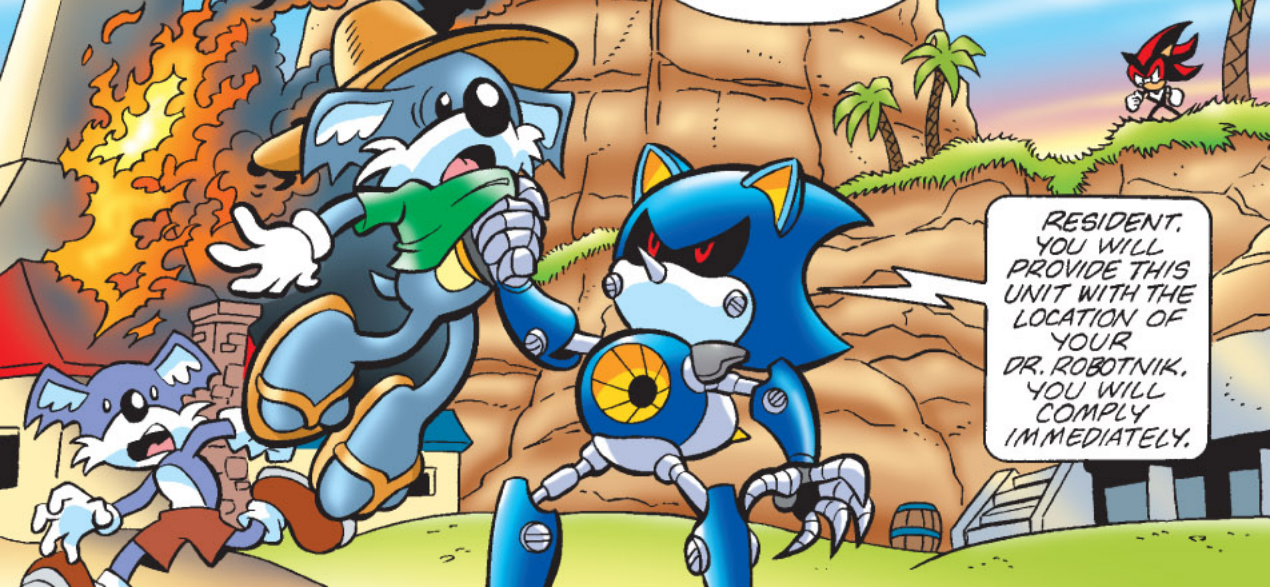
PRINCESS! THANK HEAVENS! IT CAME FROM NOWHERE...



I'M SURE YOU FOUGHT BRAVELY. IS IT WHISKERS' CREW?



NO! SOMETHING WORSE! IT KEEPS DEMANDING TO SEE A DOCTOR, BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHO...



RESIDENT, YOU WILL PROVIDE THIS UNIT WITH THE LOCATION OF YOUR DR. ROBOTNIK, YOU WILL COMPLY IMMEDIATELY.



YOUR "METAL SONIC"?

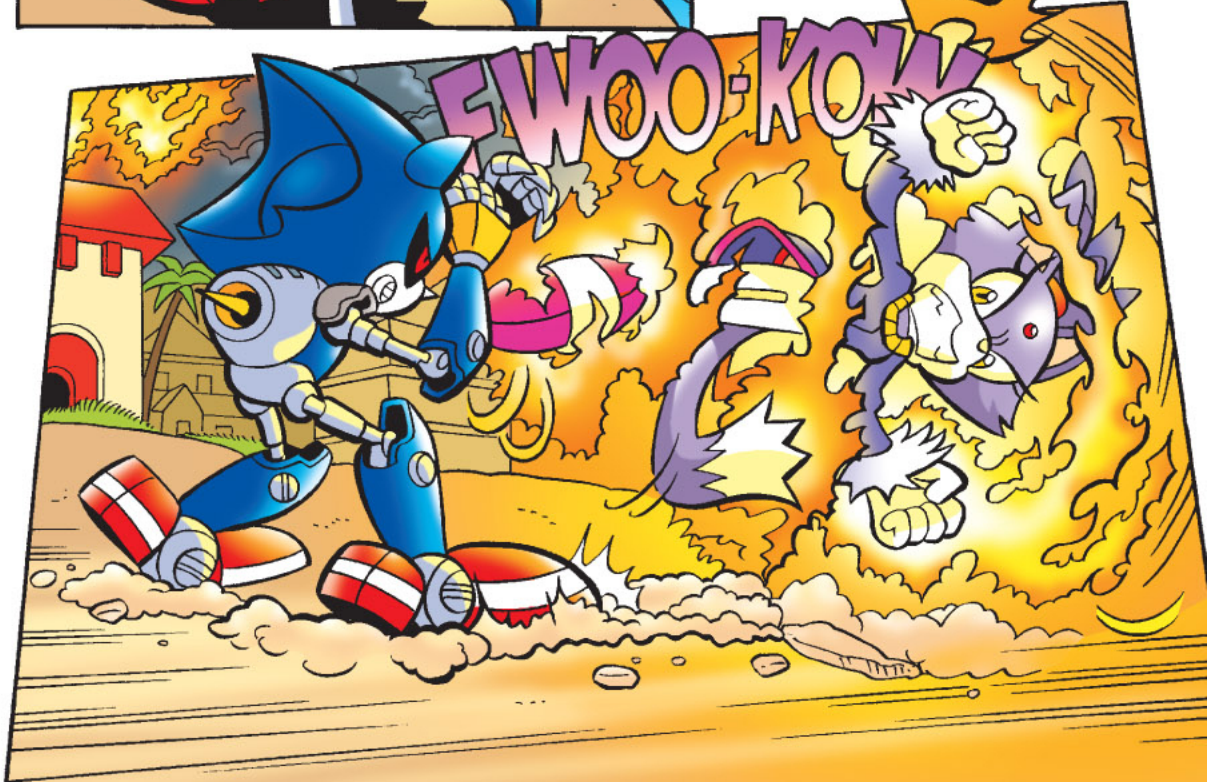
YES. HOPEFULLY I CAN REASON WITH IT AND MAKE IT BACK DOWN.



IT IS ATTACKING MY PEOPLE. IT DOESN'T GET A CHANCE TO BACK DOWN!



>>HOSTILES DETECTED.
>>ENGAGING.



EWOOW-KOW

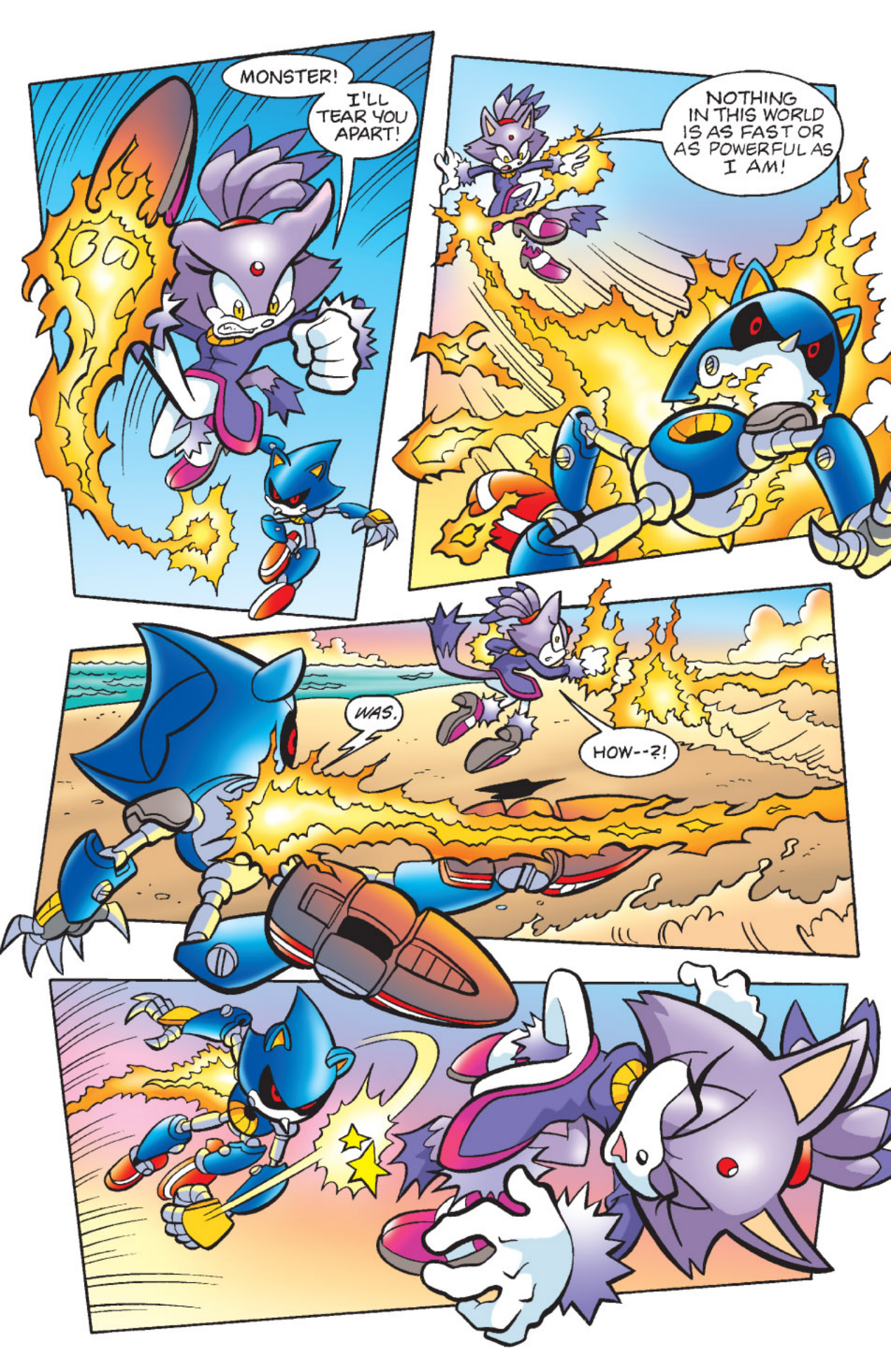
MONSTER!

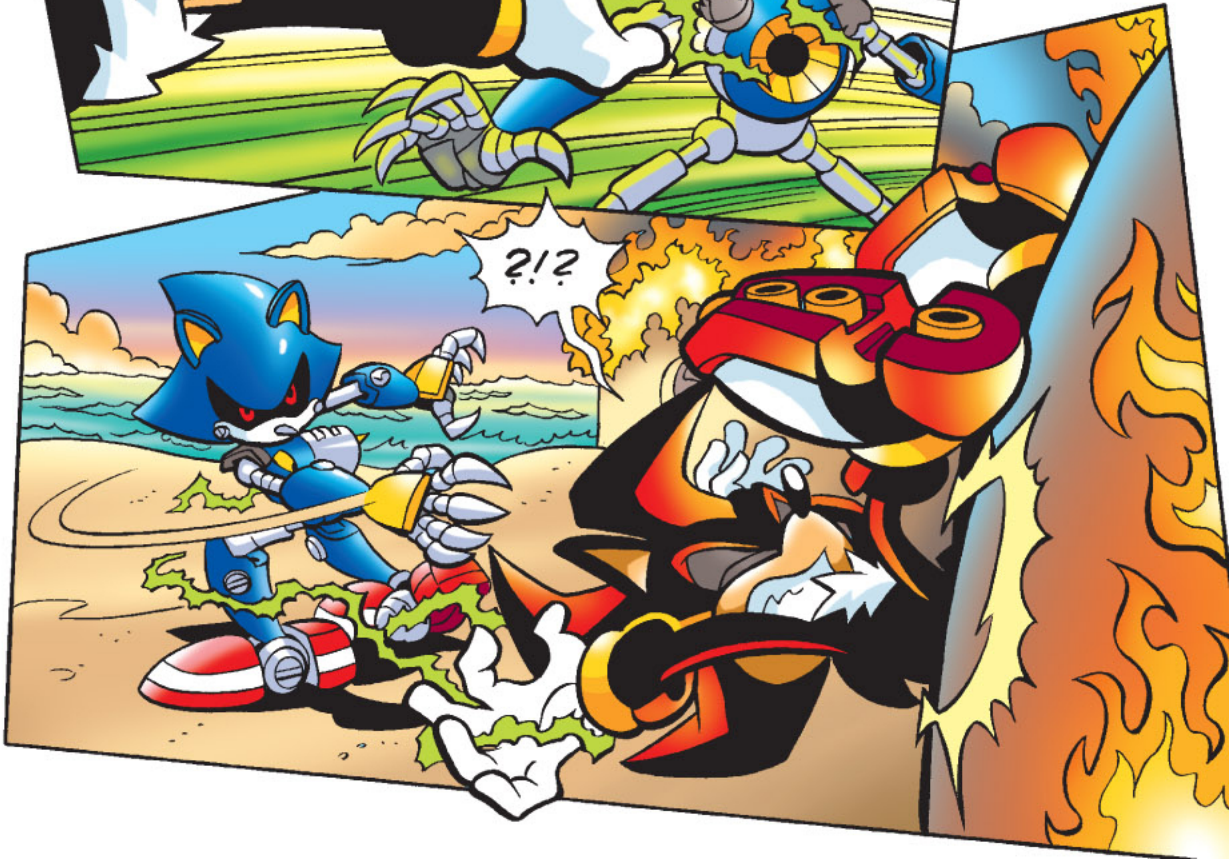
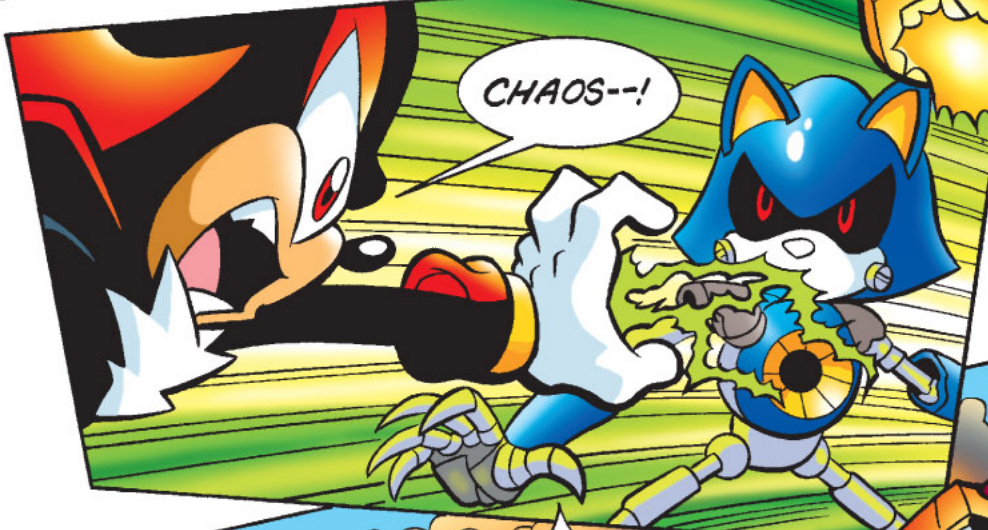
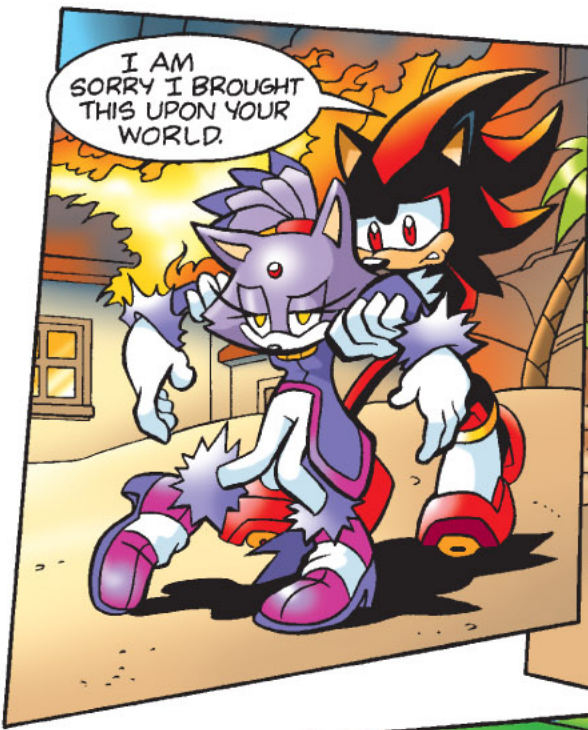
I'LL
TEAR YOU
APART!

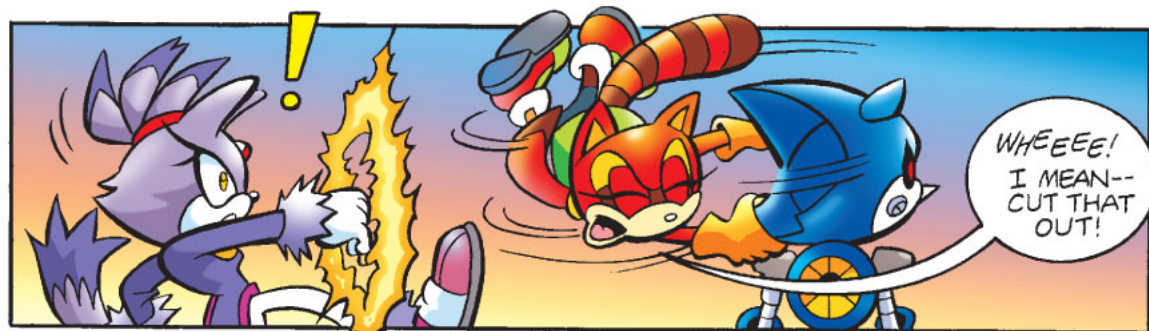
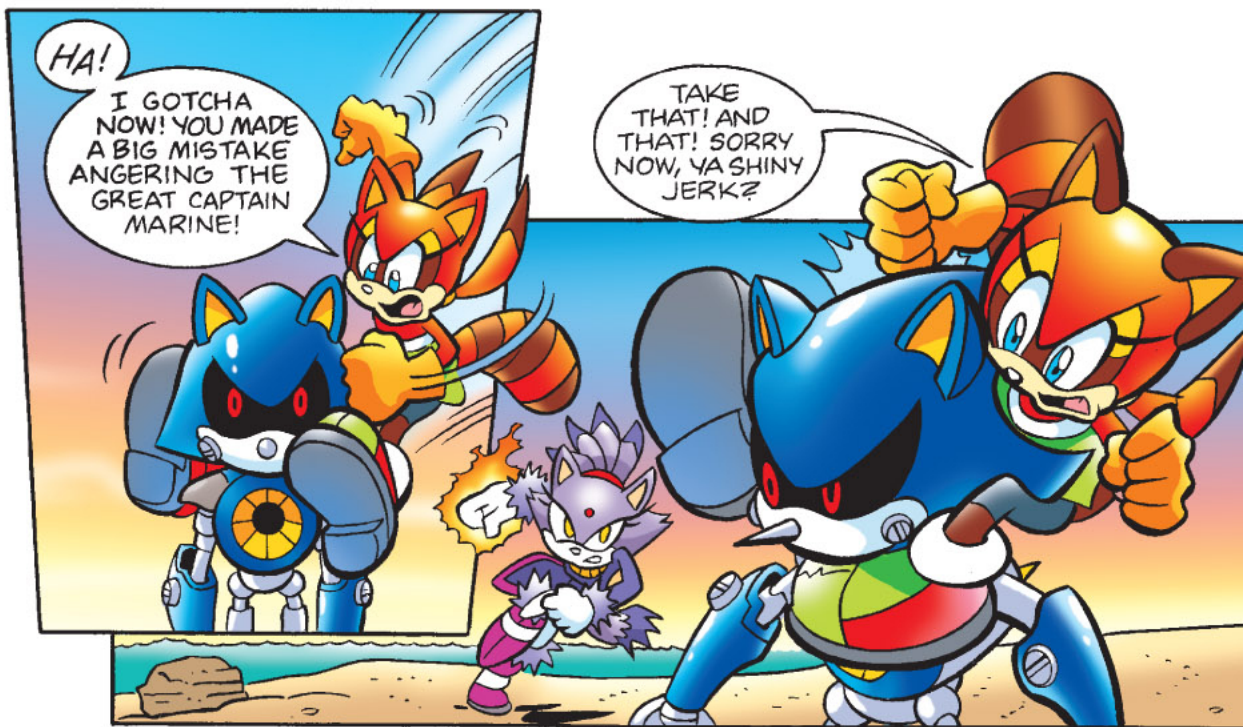
NOTHING
IN THIS WORLD
IS AS FAST OR
AS POWERFUL AS
I AM!

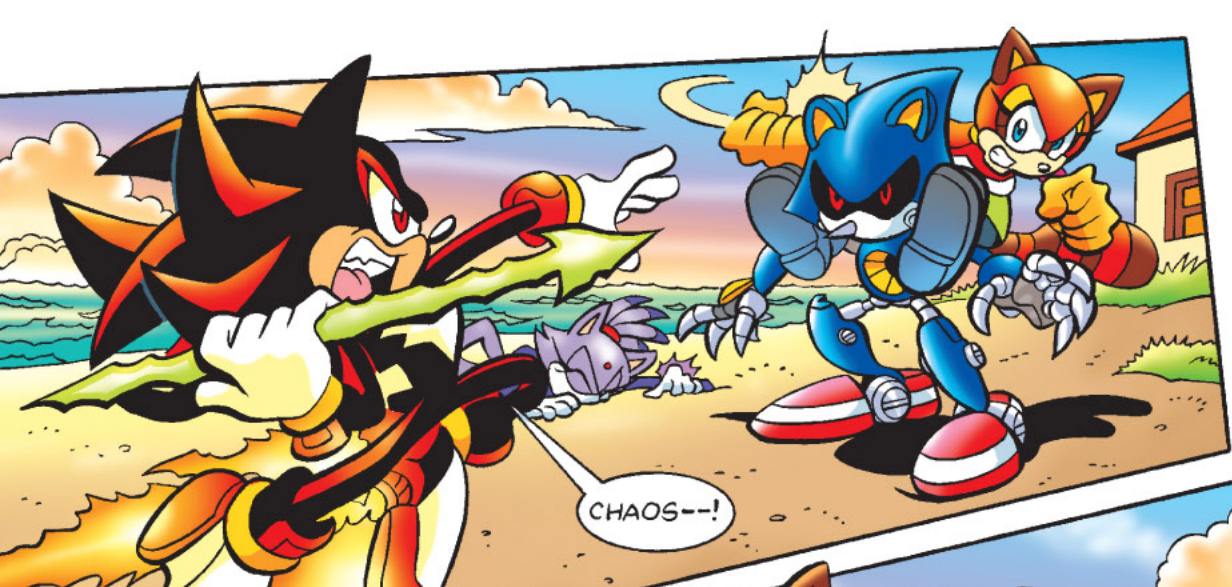
WAS.

HOW--?!









CHAOS--!

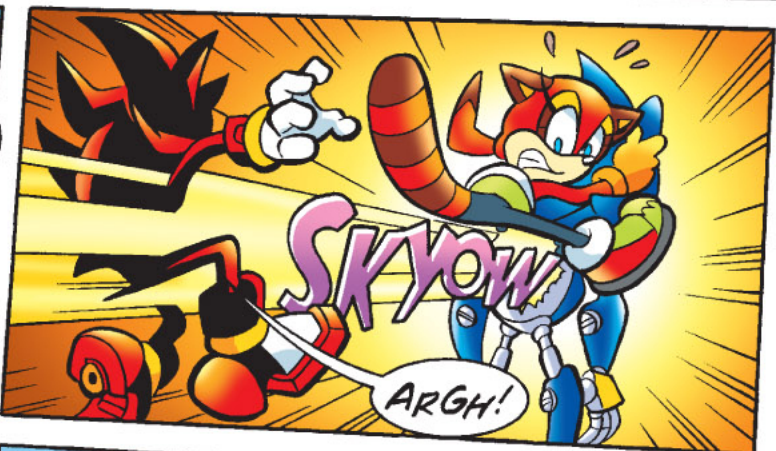


--SPEAR-HRK!

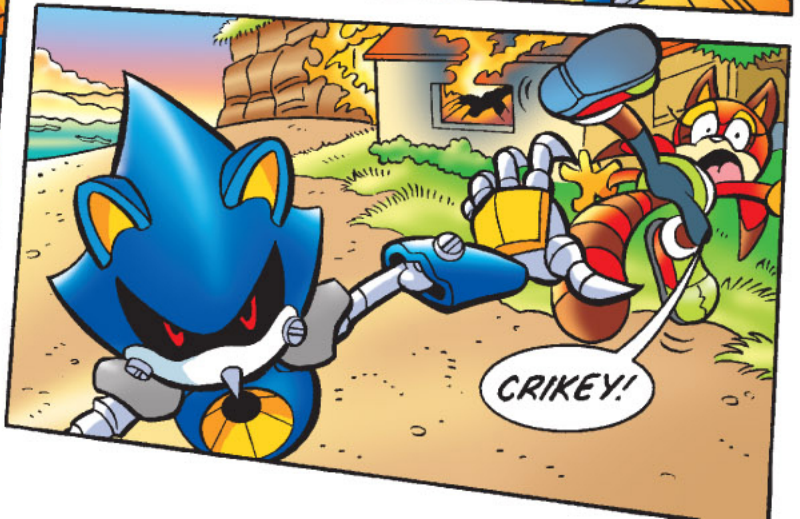


MOVE, MARY!

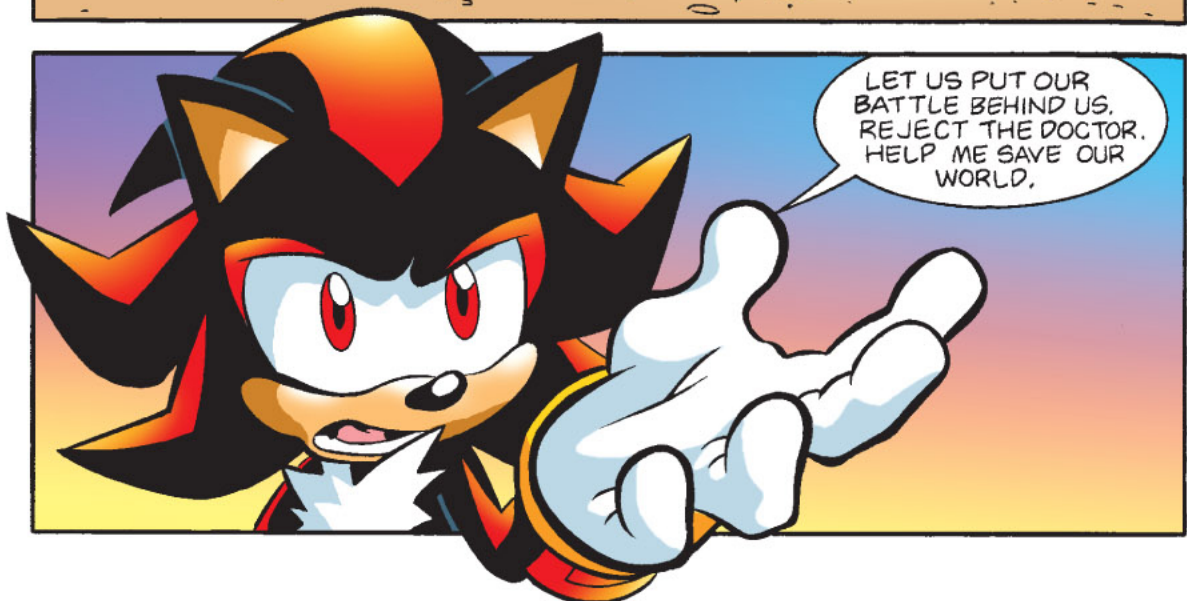
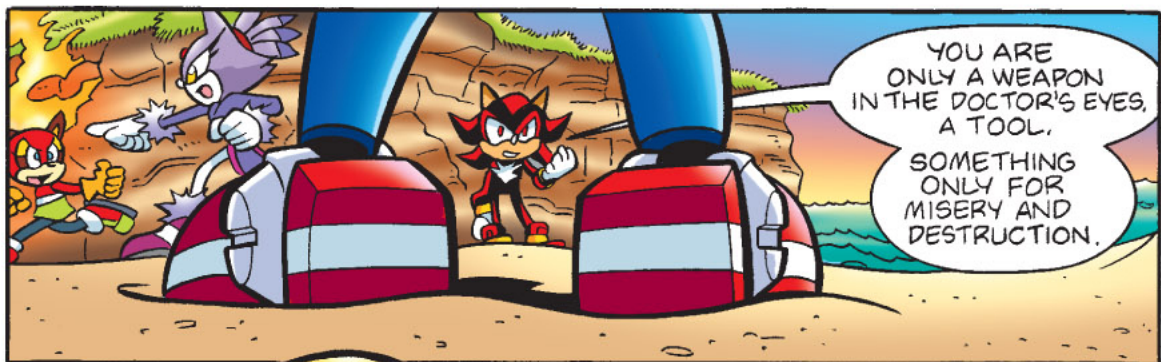
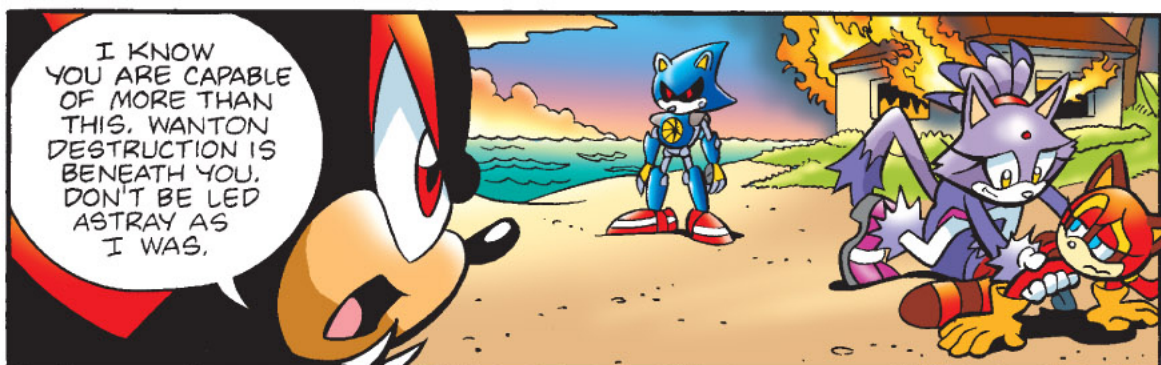
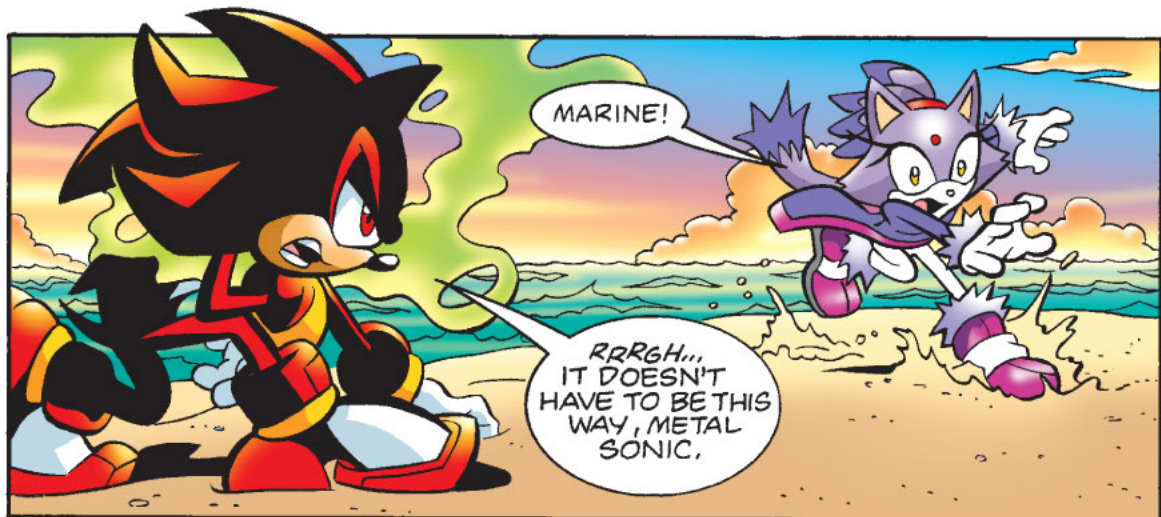
I'M WORKIN' HERE! AND IT'S "MARINE"!

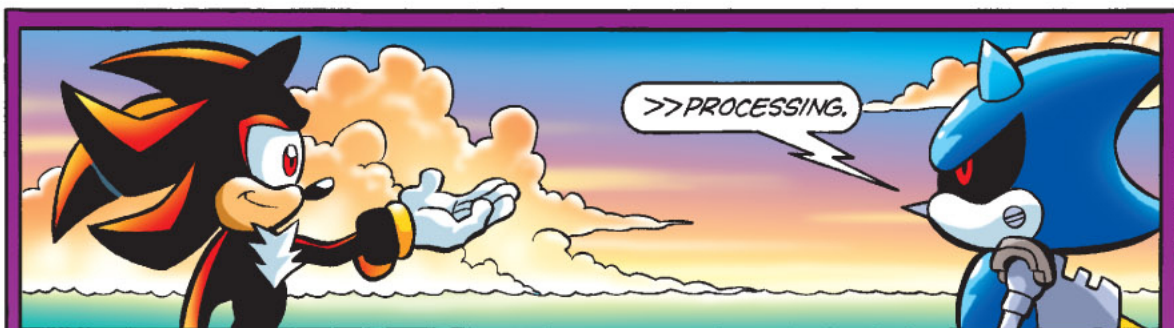


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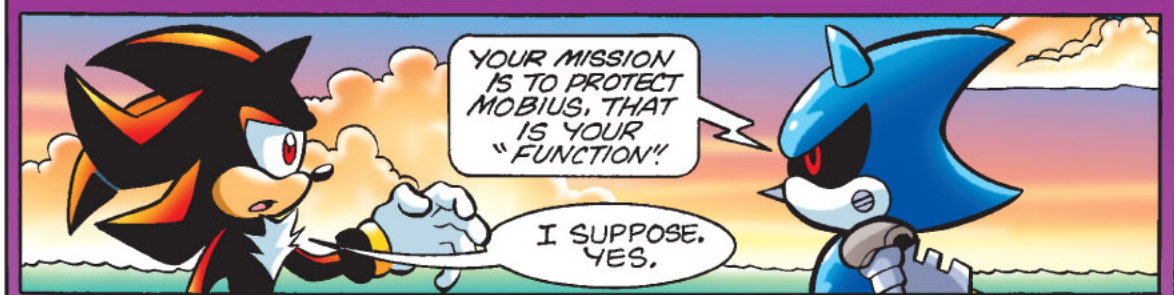


CRIKEY!





>>PROCESSING.

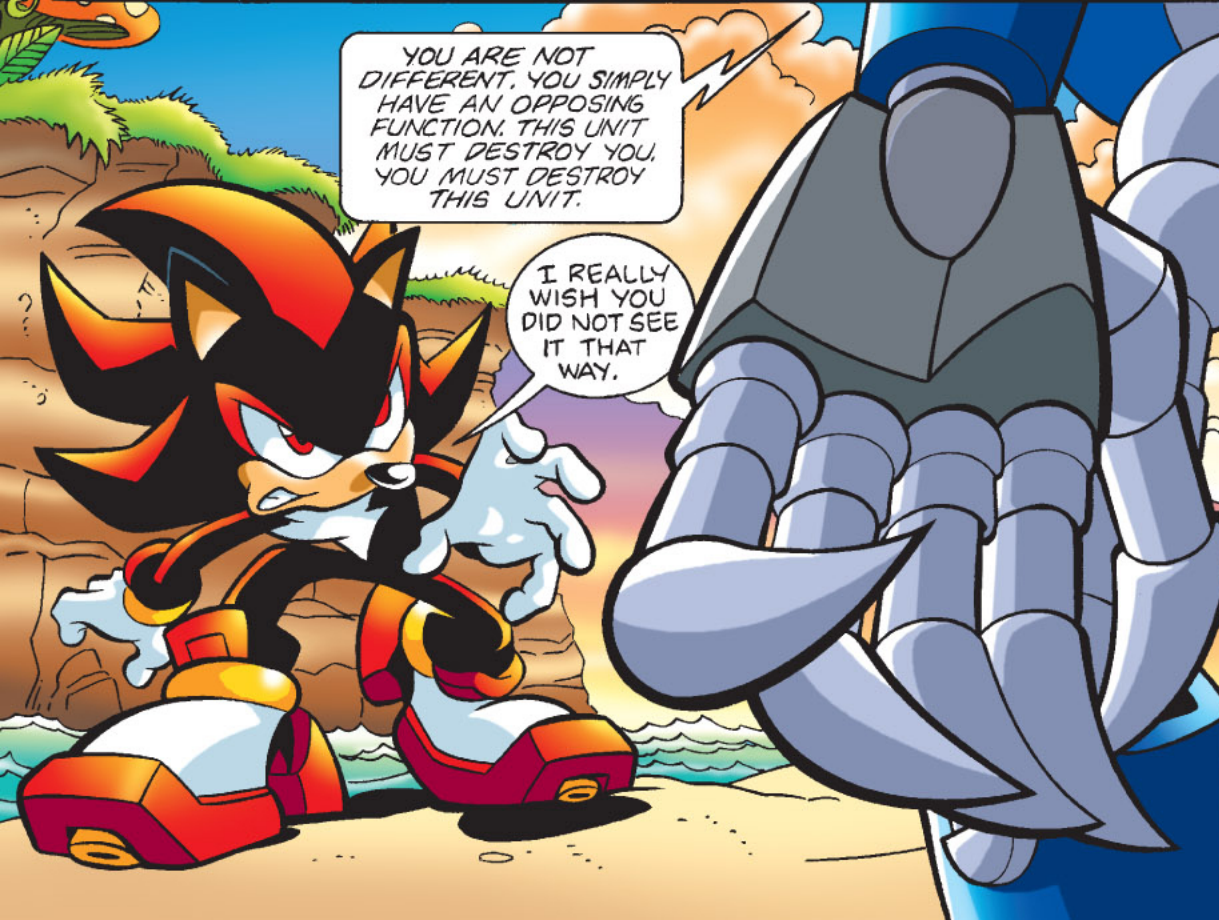


YOUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT MOBIUS, THAT IS YOUR "FUNCTION"!

I SUPPOSE. YES.

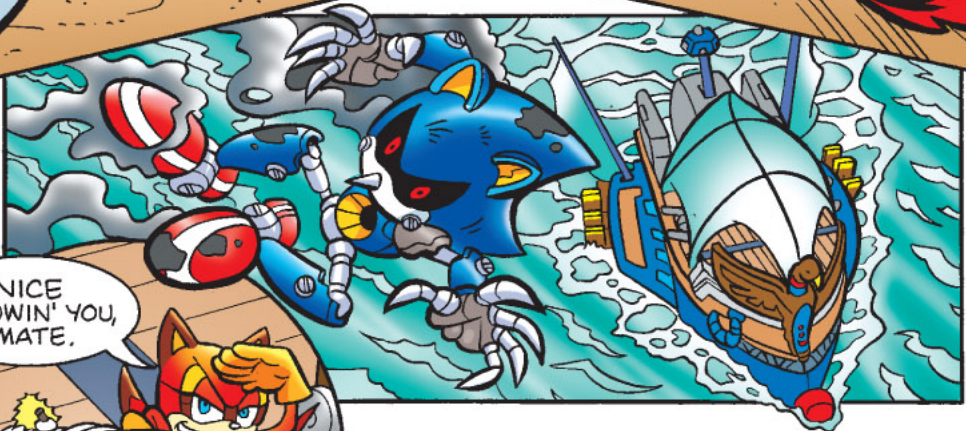
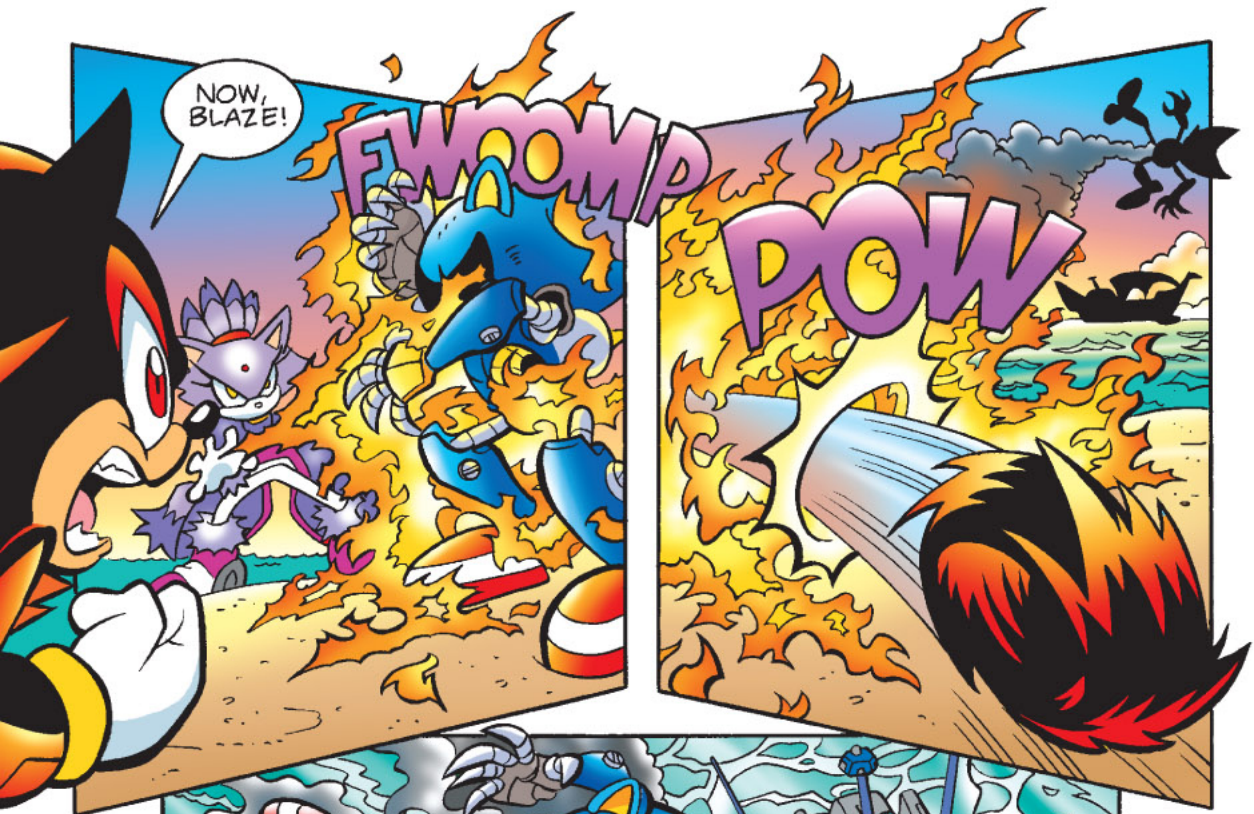


THIS UNIT'S FUNCTION IS TO SERVE DR. ROBOTNIK. BOTH LIVING WEAPONS, BOTH OPERATING TO ACHIEVE THEIR FUNCTION.



YOU ARE NOT DIFFERENT. YOU SIMPLY HAVE AN OPPOSING FUNCTION. THIS UNIT MUST DESTROY YOU, YOU MUST DESTROY THIS UNIT.

I REALLY WISH YOU DID NOT SEE IT THAT WAY.



SHORTLY...



YAHOO!!!
THAT WAS
RIPPER! DID
YOU SEE HOW
HE BLEW UP?!



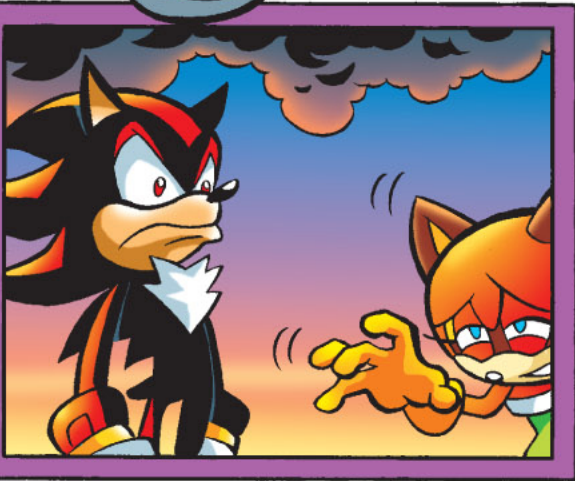
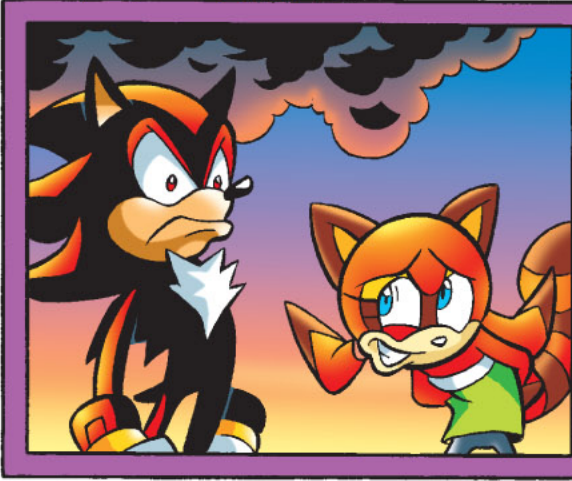
YES.
ALONG WITH
THE DIMENSIONAL
ENGINE THAT WAS
MY ONLY WAY
HOME.

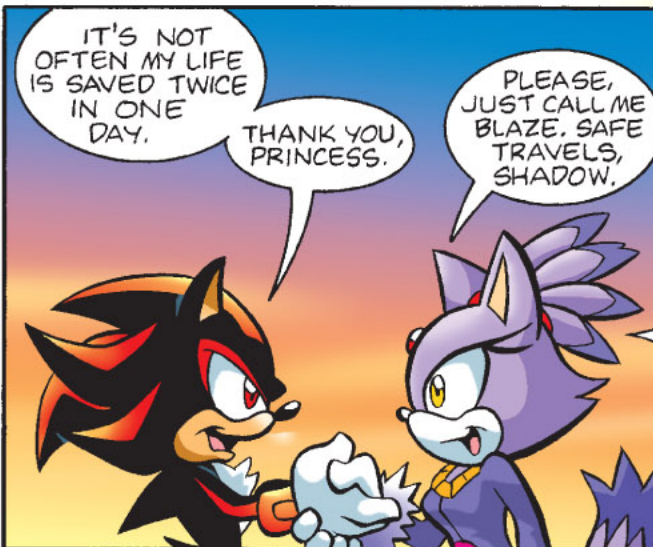
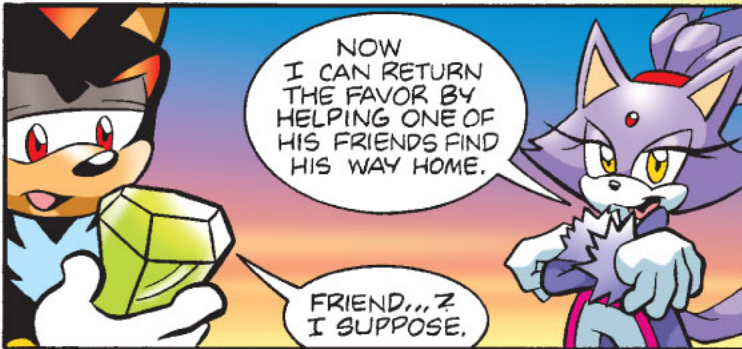
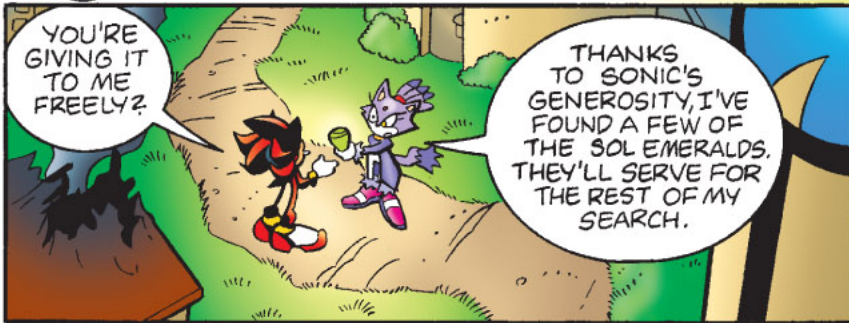
Ah!
ROIGHT...
Hrm.



SINCE YOU
BLEW IT UP,
PERHAPS YOU COULD
BUILD ME A BOAT
AS YOU DID
TAILS?!

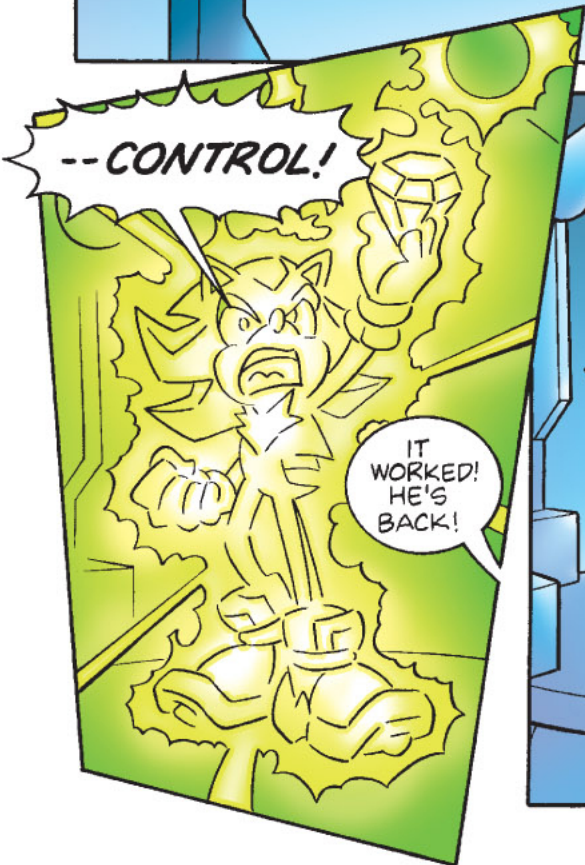
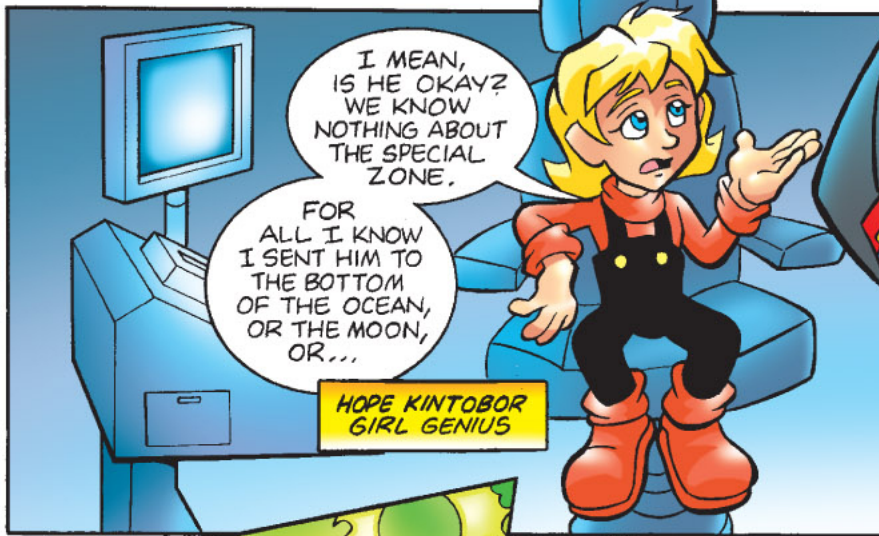
Ah... SEE...
IT WAS MORE
LIKE HE BUILT
IT AND I...
OVERSAW...
DEVELOPMENT?!







COMMANDER ABRAHAM TOWER
CHIEF OF G.U.N.






THEN WHERE DID THIS...?

AGENT SHADOW.

COMMANDER TOWER, SIR. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.

YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO BECOMING MY TOP AGENT.

ANY TROUBLE?



NONE, ASIDE FROM CROSSING THREE ZONES AND NEUTRALIZING THE LATEST METAL SONIC.

BUT HE GOT A CHAOS EMERALD LIKE YOU ASKED HIM TO!

PRECISELY.



GOOD JOB, AGENT SHADOW. REST UP. YOUR NEXT MISSION DEPARTS TONIGHT.



That's the end of another Metal Sonic, but what about the real one?

It's a race against time and a glance to the past in the next

SONIC UNIVERSE!



YOUR SONIC UNIVERSE™

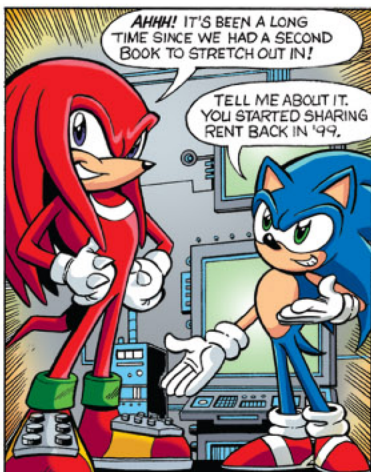
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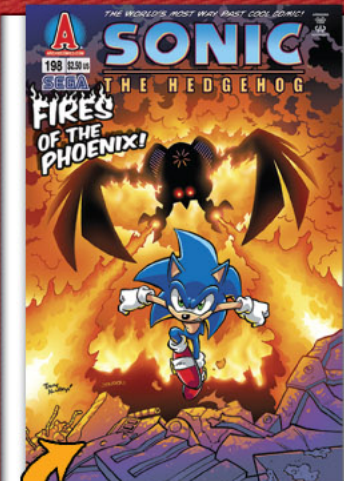
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Sonic better outrun the fiery fury of the Phoenix, or you can kiss big blue goodbye!

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